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Mr. Phil Mocek  
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Boston, MA 02205-5819

Dear Mr. Mocek,

We received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request on 6 August 2013 for any records related to Operation Earnest Voice, including guidelines, manuals, contracts, strategic plans, etc. Your request is being processed in accordance with Title 5 U.S.C. § 552 Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act, and Executive Order 13526. The actual processing time for these documents will depend upon consultation with other DoD components, both stateside and overseas, or other agencies.

In your FOIA request, you requested a fee waiver in your FOIA request. In order to qualify for a fee waiver, the requester must demonstrate that the information requested is of public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of operations or activities of the Government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester. Unfortunately, your request fails to address in detail the public interest requirement. Therefore, I cannot approve your request for a fee waiver.

In the alternative, you have not stated a willingness to pay fees. Please state the amount of fees that you are willing to pay. Based on the information received, we have placed you in the "Other" category for fee purposes. This means you will be obligated to pay for search time (\$20.00 an hour) after the first two hours and duplication costs (\$.15 per page) after the first 100 pages. If you are not satisfied with this action, you may appeal to the appellate authority, the Director of Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense. To submit your appeal, please write directly to the Defense Freedom of Information Policy Office, Attn: Mr. James Hogan, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington D.C. 20301-1155. Please postmark your appeal within 60 calendar days from the date of this letter, cite USCENTCOM case #13-0318, and clearly mark "Freedom of Information Act Appeal" on your appeal letter.

The USCENTCOM FOIA Requester Service Center receives numerous FOIA requests and has a substantial number of pending FOIA cases; therefore, we process requests in a multi-track processing system based on the date of receipt and complexity of the request. The FOIA does not require agencies to respond to questions, to do research, compile or analyze data, summarize, or conduct surveys for members of the public. You should be aware that the FOIA only provides the means by which the public can request specific documents from USCENTCOM. The requested documents should be described to the extent that they may be located with a reasonable amount of

effort. Your FOIA is currently #262 in our queue. You can view your status on our website at:  
[www2.centcom.mil/sites/foia/SitePages/Home.aspx](http://www2.centcom.mil/sites/foia/SitePages/Home.aspx).

If you have any questions regarding your inquiry, please contact my FOIA Requester Service Center at (813) 827-1810, [foiaoffice@centcom.mil](mailto:foiaoffice@centcom.mil), and refer to case #13-0318.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. A. Gale', with a stylized flourish at the end.

DAVID A. GALE  
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Air Force  
Chief, Command Records Branch